

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:12
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JUMBO JET FLIGHT FROM CALICUT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have received any proposal to start Jumbo Jet flight from Calicut airport in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the steps initiated in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) : A request was received in this regard from Shri V.S. Sivakumar, MP has been examined. Air India has severely restricted its 747-200 Jumbo operations due to its heavy cost of operation, which has been further aggravated by the recent spurt in oil prices. In fact, immediately after completing the Haj charter operations by March 2003, almost all existing flights operated by 747-200 are proposed to be transferred to AB 310 to save on fuel costs.